

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Chief Financial Officer**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Linda W. Cropp  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** March 17, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Apprenticeship Enforcement Amendment Act of 2003"

**REFERENCE:** Draft Legislation as Introduced - Formerly Bill 14-533

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2003 through FY 2006 consensus budget and financial plan as agreed upon by the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia (Council) to implement the proposed legislation. All costs would be absorbed by existing District operations.

**Background**

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to increase the number of District residents participating in approved apprenticeship programs registered with the District of Columbia Apprenticeship Council<sup>1</sup>. The proposed legislation would establish a registration system for apprenticeship programs. It also would establish penalties for contractors and subcontractors who received at least \$500,000 in government contracts in any twelve month period and fail to comply with this, and certain other existing District regulations and laws.

The proposed penalties include both monetary fines and penalties (including debarment) available under the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act and are identical to

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<sup>1</sup> D.C. Law 2-156, "Amendment to An Act to Provide for Voluntary Apprenticeship in the District of Columbia Act of 1978."

those imposed under the "51 Percent District Residents New Hires Amendment Act of 2001."<sup>2</sup>

In addition, the proposed legislation would repeal a portion of D.C. Law 14-24, "51 Percent District Residents New Hires Amendment Act of 2001." Particularly the exemption for non-profit organizations from the First Source Employment Agreement Act of 1984<sup>3</sup>.

### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2003 through FY 2006 budget and financial plan. No additional staff or resources will be required and any additional costs will be absorbed by existing District operations.

*The Chief Financial Officer's legislative fiscal analysis is prepared by the Special Projects and Fiscal Analysis Administration in the Office of Research and Analysis. Contact us at 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 400S, Washington D.C., 20001 or view our work on-line at <http://cfo.dc.gov>.*

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<sup>2</sup> D.C. Law 14-24, recently passed by the Council.

<sup>3</sup> D.C. Law 5-93.